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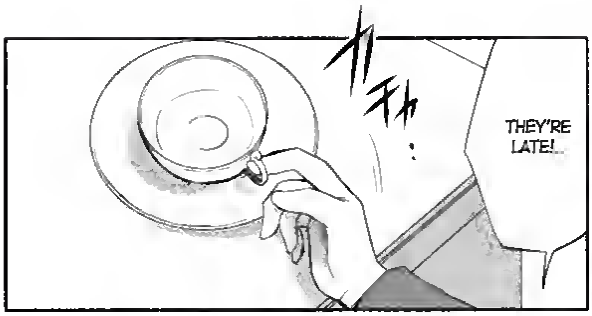
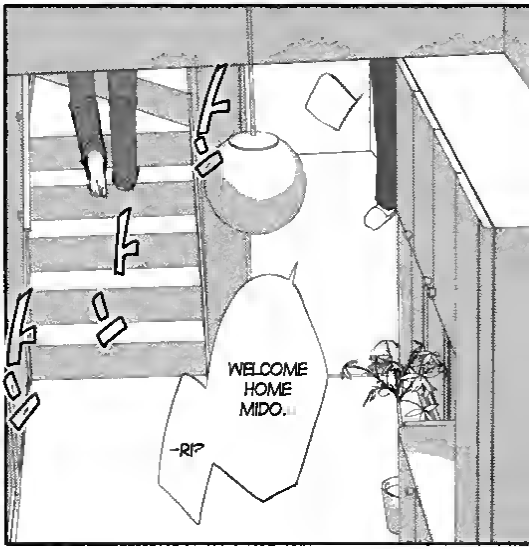
STORY 13: Suspicion!!


THEY'RE LATE!..

SERIOUSLY WHEN ARE THEY COMING BACK?
HM?

HEY, YOU!
WHEN YOU COME HOME, AT LEAST SAY "I'M HOME" OR SOMETHING!


WELCOME HOME MIDO.
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HEY,
WHERE IS AZAMI?
SHE WENT HOME

..I'M HOME

..SHE SAID
SHE HAS A JOB TO DO.. WITH HINAGIKU

NOT NOW!
WITHOUT TELLING ME ANYTHING..?
YOU.

WH... WHAT'S WRONG?
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AH S...
SORRY...
I MEAN
SORRY ABOUT THAT SO SUDDENLY, BUT
I WAS SAYING THAT I'M VERY GRATEFUL
I'M BUSY RIGHT NOW THOUGH
WELL, ALRIGHT.
THAT'S ROUGH.
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ALRIGHT THEN,
I'M GONNA TAKE A BATH
..WHAT A WEIRD PERSON
YOU'VE LAST SO CLEAN IT WHEN YOU'RE DONE
HMM
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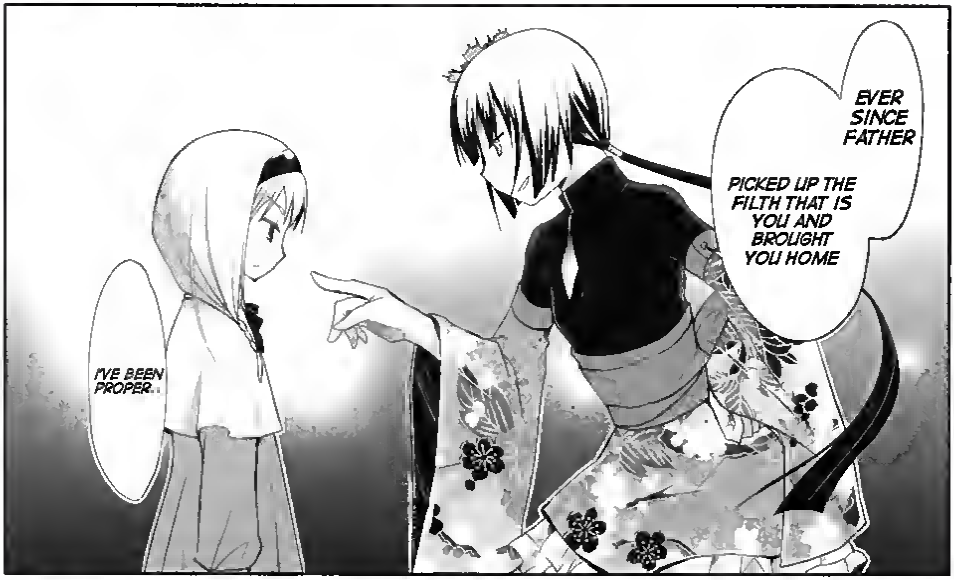
AH..

BIG SISTER
AND EVEN BIG BROTHER..
HA HA HA
WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?
IS IT THAT UNEXPECTED FOR A BIG SISTER TO DROP BY HER LITTLE SISTERS HOUSE?
MY, MY
...YOU'VE COME TO THINK OF ME AS A LITTLE SISTER?


EVER SINCE FATHER PICKED UP THE FILTH THAT IS YOU AND BROUGHT YOU HOME
I'VE BEEN PROPER..

IN THINK-ING OF YOU..
AS A LITTLE SISTER HAVENT I?

WHERE WERE YOU?
JUST THE USUAL..
I JUST THOUGHT A SLIGHT CHANGE OF PACE WOULD BE NICE..

...SO WHAT IS THE SITUA-TION?

YOU'RE A HOPELESS KID HUH?
TELLING LIES ISN'T ALLOWED YOU KNOW?
.....
YOU'RE STUPID HUH?
HA HA HA..
GEEZ, HINAGIKU, YOU GOT TRICKED?
YOU WENT SEARCHING...
FOR THE GOLDEN APPLE, DIDN'T YOU?
...IT WAS...
A FAKE

THIS..
DISGRACE
GUH..!
NADE-SHIKO
YOU WERE PROBABLY EVEN PLANNING ON CURRYING A FAVOR WITH FATHER, BUT...
HOW PRESUMP-TIOUS
COULD YOU EVEN HAVE THOUGHT SOMEONE AS USELESS AS YOU COULD DO SOMETHING?
I AM.. SO-
RRY.
WHO IS THE PERSON THAT BROUGHT THIS STORY TO YOU?

I TOOK..
CARE... OF HER..
A PERSON CALLED
AZAMI.. FROM APPEL.
SHE'S WATCHES OVER.
THE PRINC-ESS
.. I SEE
LET'S GO HOME, NADESHIKO.
BIG BROTHER .!?

NADE-SHIKO
BIG BROTHER, THAT'S...
YOU'RE TOO KIND!
YOU'RE A GOOD GIRL, WITH A FITTING SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY
FOR ONE BEARING THE NAME OF THE HOUSE OF SOLSHIEL.
Yh..
AH-
HINA-GIKU
YES.

YES
THERE WON'T BE A NEXT TIME
DAMN..
DAMN IT..
IT'S OKAY..
I DON'T NEED THEM...
STU-PID..

WHAT IS THIS?
IT'S KAKITSU-BATA'S
HE LEFT IT THIS MORNING
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I'M GOING AWAY ON SOME BUSINESS..
PLEASE DO NOT F-FORGET YOUR RO-ROLE? AS "PRINCESS".
HAVING TROUBLE READING IT

SORRY! I GOT A MESSAGE FROM ODAMAKI ASKING TO SEE MY HOMEWORK.
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I MADE IT. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT HASN'T EATEN.
MOM, DID YOU MAKE BREAKFAST?
..I WONDER HOW HE WROTE IT...
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AMAZING-
COME DOWNSTAIRS MORE QUIETLY

GIVE IT TO SHIRAYUKI
WHAT ABOUT YOUR BENTO?
SO I'LL GO ON AHEAD
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WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HM... THE USUAL?

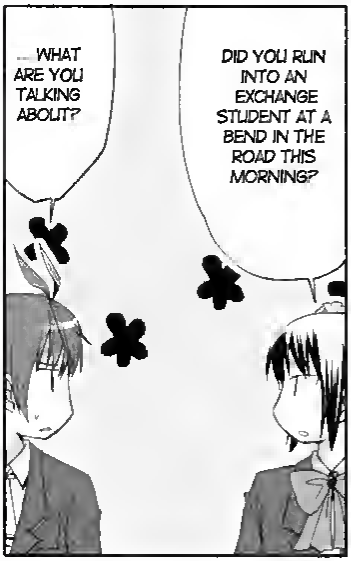
SORRY~
HUH?!
WHY DO I HAVE TO BRING HIS BENTO?
...IT'S LIKE A GAME-FLAG FOR YOU TO RUN INTO AN EXCHANGE STUDENT AT A BEND IN THE ROAD

GOOD MORNING
SHIRA-YUKI-CHAN!
EEK

...I SEE

DID YOU MESSAGE MIDORI THIS MORNING?
HM?
YEAH-

OH
MIDORI


...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
DID YOU RUN INTO AN EXCHANGE STUDENT AT A BEND IN THE ROAD THIS MORNING?

WHERE WERE YOU?
THE BATH-ROOM..

WH-
WHAT IS IT?
.....
YOU!!
YOU'RE HIDING SOME-THING..
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YOU'RE STARING AT HIM PRETTY INTENTLY ♥
IF YOU'RE GONNA STARE, STARE AT ME
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SINCE YEST-ERDAY
SOME-THING
HAS BEEN STRANGE

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THE

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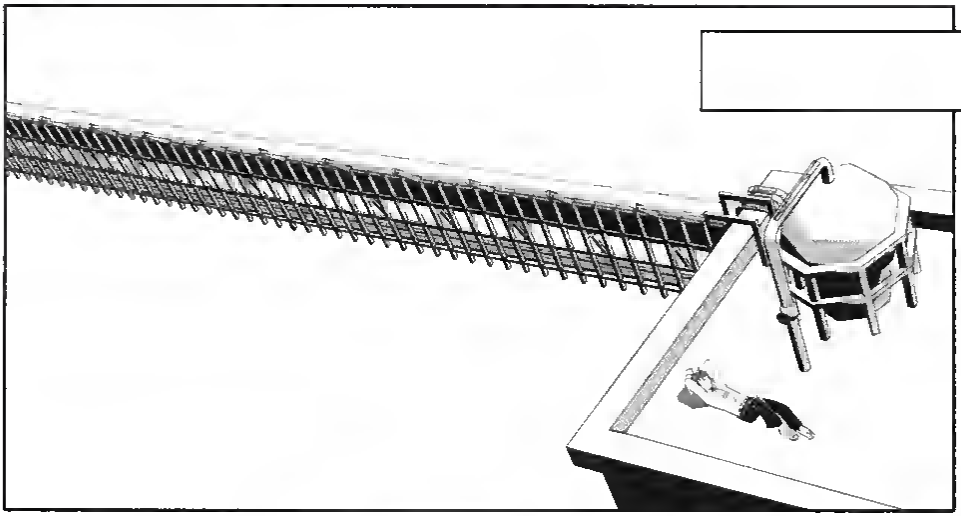
THE..?
THE.

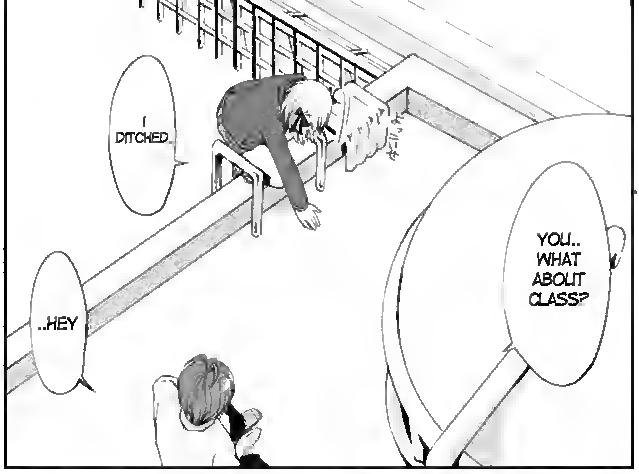
THE APPLE PIE YOU LEFT...
I ATE IT

NOT AT ALL
ARE YOU OKAY?
ON
HEY, UHH
THIS
WHAT'S
DONT WORRY! YOUR DAY WILL COME!
DON'T COME BACK!
GO!
IT'S NO GOOD.. I'M GONNA GO REST IN THE NURSE'S OFFICE...



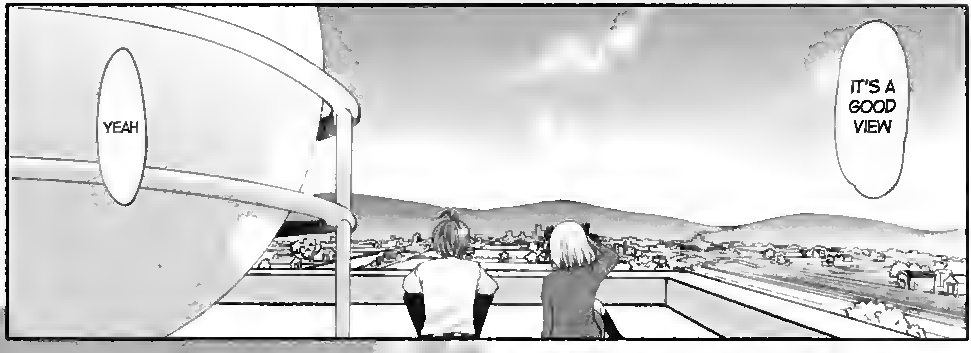
PLEASE...
DON'T...
TELL THE PRINCESS...
ABOUT...
...THIS

MIDORI


I DITCHED..
..HEY
YOU.. WHAT ABOUT CLASS?

..SHINKO

THAT'S TRUE
I DON'T WANT TO BE TOLD OFF BY YOU WHEN YOU DITCHED AS WELL.


YEAH
IT'S A GOOD VIEW

NO
DO YOU DITCH OFTEN?

I SEE
..IT'S FINE
DID IT BECOME PAINFUL TO STAY IN CLASS?
THEN, WHY?

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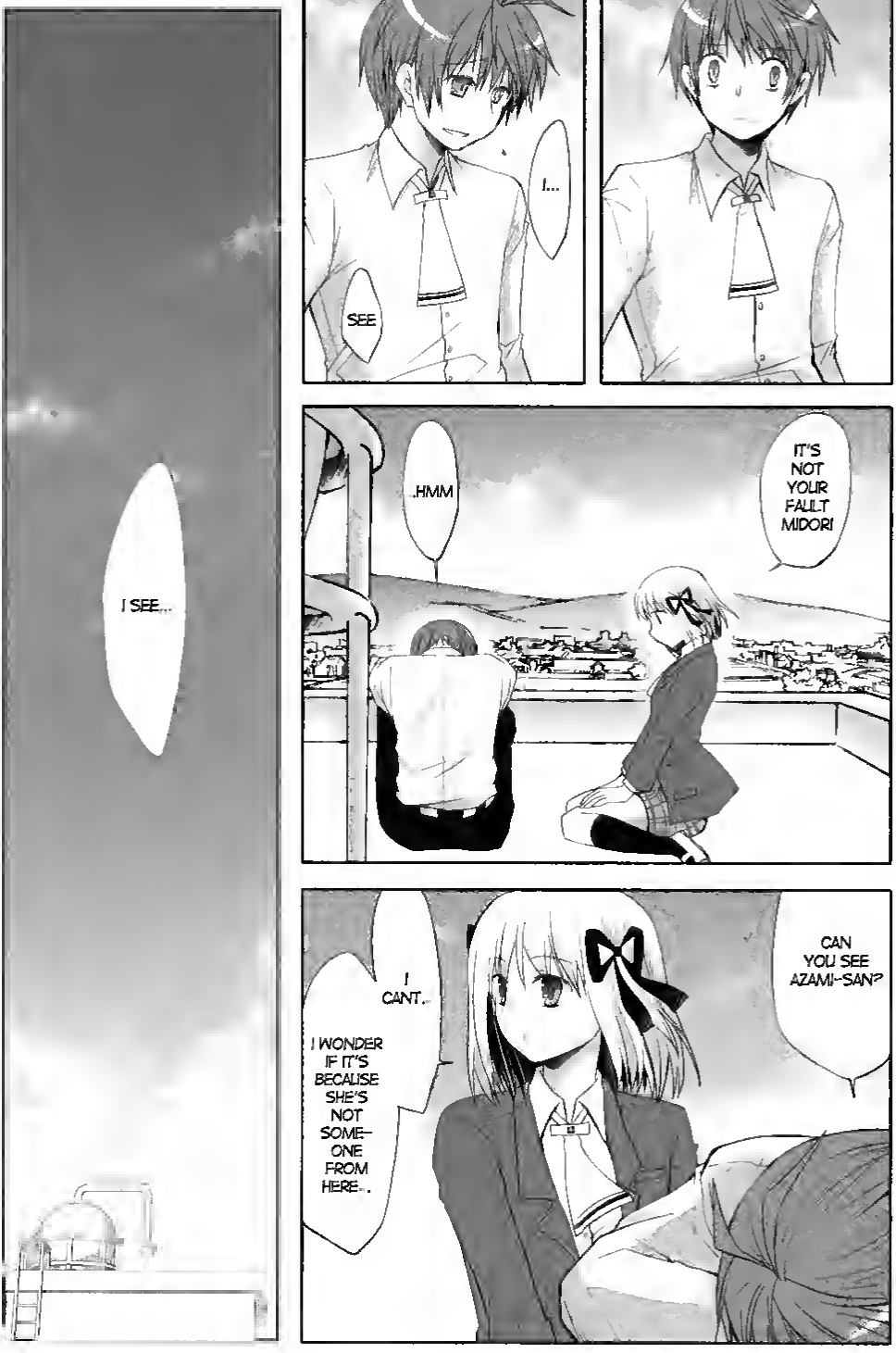
SONO-SAN TOLD ME EVERYTHING
..WHAT'S WITH THIS ALL OF THE SUDDEN
WHAT
EVERY-THING MEANS EVERY-THING


I...
SEE
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT MIDORI
.HMM
I SEE...
CAN YOU SEE AZAMI-SAN?
I CAN'T..
I WONDER IF IT'S BECAUSE SHE'S NOT SOME-ONE FROM HERE..

YES
WOULD YOU INSPECT THE PLACE HINAGIKU WENT FOR A COUPLE DAYS FOR ME?
SHIRAN-SAMA
YOU CALLED?
..?
UM, I HEARD FROM NADESHIKO-SAMA THAT IT WAS A FAKE, BUT...
I HAVE TO CHASTISE
GIRLS WHO TALK BACK.
HEH

YOU SHOULD DO AS I SAY
YOU UNDER-- STAND RIGHT?
Y... YES!
PLEASE... FORGIVE ME.
AH
TO OBTAIN A LIFE WHERE WHAT YOU HAVE WILL NEVER GO AWAY...
HM?
WITHOUT A DOUBT, I WILL OBTAIN
THE PRINCESS WHO POSSESSES IT